

ABSTRACT

This research explaining about the Iraq Kurd's success in raising Kurds secessionism effort in Syria during political crisis in 2011-2016. This research use ethnic alliances by Moore and Davis, contagion by Stephen M. Saideman and Ted R. Gurr, diffusion and escalation by David A.Lake and Donald S.Rothchild to explain the contagion, diffusion and escalation process of secessionism from Iraq to Syria. In this case, political crisis in Syria also give chance for Syrian Kurds to fight for their autonomy. Political crisis weakens the Syrian government because of mass mobilization and opposition group's pressure that also make them feel insecure. Syrian government does violence action as counterattack which contributes to the delegitimation of the leader and political institutions. It also raises the tendency of Syrian Kurds secession. In the end, natural resources also trigger the secession of Syrian Kurds.

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